

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 17 August 1971

SUBJECT : Coordination of State Department and CIA Inspection Programs

PARTICIPANTS: State - Ambassador Thomas W. McElhiney, Inspector General
Ambassador Wymberley Coerr, INR

CIA - Gordon M. Stewart and [REDACTED]

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Ambassador McElhiney has recently been named to the newly established position of Inspector General of the Department of State. He and Ambassador Coerr came over this afternoon to inquire into the workings of CIA's inspection program and to explore with us the feasibility of scheduling concurrent State and CIA inspections at major overseas posts. He commented that Alexis Johnson hoped eventually to merge the inspection programs of the various foreign affairs agencies, as was recommended in the Macomber report.

I gave the State representatives a short general briefing on our inspection program and procedures. Ambassador McElhiney gave me a copy of his current inspection schedule and indicated his interest in having concurrent inspections made in [REDACTED]. I told him that we had recently finished our work in [REDACTED] and that the only inspection currently scheduled is of [REDACTED]. I pointed out that our inspection program is so intensely internal that a merger appeared to me to be out of the question. As to the matter of scheduling concurrent inspections, I said that I felt that trying to mesh CIA's five or six year cycle with State's annual cycle would be most difficult and that little or nothing would be gained if we were to succeed. The State representatives did not take exception to my statements.

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